

REMARKS

Applicant is requesting with this submission a 3-month suspension of action. Also, Applicant anticipates that he may submit a supplemental reply before expiration of the 3-month suspension.

Meanwhile, Applicant respectfully notes that page 5 of the Office Action relies upon Admitted Prior Art (APA), namely page 6, lines 1-10 of the specification. The present amendment is intended to clarify that the material at page 6, lines 1-10 is not admitted prior art.

The Office Action cites several passages **other than** page 6, lines 1-10 as evidence that page 6, lines 1-10 are admitted prior art. For example, the Office Action cites lines 18-21 on page 5, and line 11 on page 6. But neither of those cited passages refers to page 6, lines 1-10. Consequently, Applicant again respectfully denies that the material at page 6, lines 1-10 is admitted prior art.

CONCLUSION

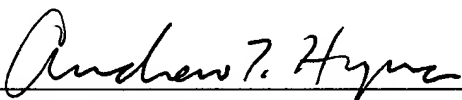
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the reasons explained. The rejections of the final Official Action being inapplicable, retraction thereof is requested, and early passage of the pending claims to issue is earnestly solicited.

Applicants would appreciate if the Examiner would please contact Applicants' attorney by telephone, if that might help to speedily dispose of any unresolved issues pertaining to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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